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SUBJECT: TREASURY A/S COHEN RAISES IRAN, NORTH KOREA, TALIBAN WITH UAE CENTRAL BANK GOVERNOR

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Classified by CDA Doug Greene, reasons 1.4 (b, d).

[11](#). (S) On July 16, Treasury Assistant Secretary (A/S) for Terrorist Finance and Financial Crime David Cohen met with UAE Central Bank Governor

[12](#). (S) A/S Cohen raised several issues including, progress made on curbing the financial relations of UAE banks with Iranian counterparts, com

IRAN

[13](#). (S) With regard to Iran's nuclear ambition, A/S Cohen highlighted Secretary of State Clinton's speech on July 15, as evidence that the U.S.

[14](#). (S) A/S Cohen turned to the list of measures that Undersecretary (U/S) for Terrorism and Financial Intelligence Stuart Levey had discussed

[15](#). (S) On the issue of the Islamic Republic of Iran Shipping Lines (IRISL), designated by Treasury in September 2008, A/S Cohen reiterated the Governor al Suweidi opined that much of this trade was not financed with letters of credit but more often through cash or barter arrangements.

[16](#). (S) A/S Cohen raised the issue of progress on more closely monitoring financial transactions between the UAE and Iran. The Governor said th

[17](#). (S) In response to A/S Cohen encouraging adherence to the various FATF advisories concerning Iran, including possibly cutting off all corre

AFGHANISTAN/PAKISTAN

[18](#). (S) A/S Cohen raised the issue of financing for the Taliban originating from o flowing through the UAE to Pakistan and Afghanistan. Govern

FATF

[19](#). (S) With regard to FATF membership, Governor al Suweidi characterized the UAE as the financial "gateway" between the Gulf and the internati

NORTH KOREA

[110](#). (S) A/S Cohen closed the meeting on the subject of North Korea and UN member obligations to freeze assets and block transactions associate
The Governor promised to request further information from the Dubai Police and to direct the accounts to be frozen immediately.

[111](#). (S) Comment: UAE Ambassador to the U.S. Yousef al Otaiba specifically requested that Governor al Suweidi join the dinner with Treasury Sec

[112](#). (SBU) This cable has been cleared by David Cohen, Treasury Assistant Secretary for Terrorist Finance and Financial Crime.

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